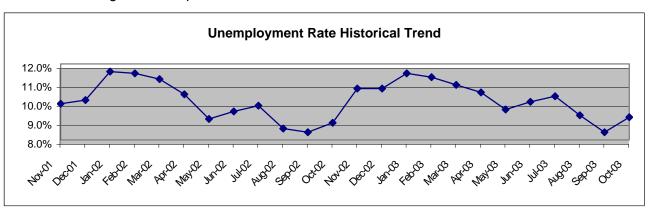
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE STOCKTON-LODI METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) (San Joaquin County)

The unemployment rate in San Joaquin County was 9.2 percent in October 2003, up from a revised 8.4 percent in September 2003, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.4 percent for California and 5.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Month to month changes Year | to ve | ear | changes |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|---------|
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| Industry | Sept 2003 | Oct 2003 | Change | Oct 2002 | Oct 2003 | Change |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Total jobs | 217,300 | 216,400 | (900) | 214,700 | 216,400 | 1,700 |
| Farm | 18,200 | 17,600 | (600) | 17,100 | 17,600 | 500 |
| Natural | 200 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 200 | 0 |
| resources and | | | | | | |
| mining | | | | | | |
| Construction | 14,500 | 14,700 | 200 | 14,200 | 14,700 | 500 |
| Manufacturing | 22,800 | 20,900 | (1,900) | 21,500 | 20,900 | (600) |
| Trade, | 44,400 | 44,700 | 300 | 45,300 | 44,700 | (600) |
| transportation | | | | | | |
| and utilities | | | | | | |
| Information | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 2,900 | 3,000 | 100 |
| Financial | 9,300 | 9,400 | 100 | 9,200 | 9,400 | 200 |
| activities | | | | | | |
| Professional and | 18,000 | 18,000 | 0 | 17,500 | 18,000 | 500 |
| business | | | | | | |
| services | | | | | | |
| Educational and | 24,500 | 24,800 | 300 | 23,700 | 24,800 | 1,100 |
| health services | | | | | | |
| Leisure and | 16,400 | 16,400 | 0 | 16,100 | 16,400 | 300 |
| hospitality | | | | | | |
| Other services | 6,800 | 6,900 | 100 | 6,500 | 6,900 | 400 |
| Government | 39,200 | 39,800 | 600 | 40,500 | 39,800 | (700) |

Notes - Data not adjusted for seasonality

⁻ Data may not add due to rounding